**CLAIM AMENDMENTS:** 

1-3. (cancelled)

4. (currently amended) A piping structure of a crawler vehicle, which

comprises:

a vehicle body frame including left-hand and right-hand frame members

and a rear frame wall member extending between and joining the left-hand and

right-hand frame members, left-hand and right-hand crawler track frames

respectively arranged outside the left-hand and right-hand frame members of

the vehicle body frame, the rear frame wall member of the vehicle body frame

extending to rear end faces of the left-hand and right-hand crawler track

frames;

a hydraulic pump arranged within an interior of the vehicle body frame

defined by the left-hand and right-hand frame members and the rear frame

wall member[[,]];

left-hand and right-hand driving crawler hydraulic motors being secured

to an exterior of the vehicle body frame defined by the left-hand and right-hand

frame members and the rear frame wall member[[,]]; and

a piping structure extending from the hydraulic pump arranged within

the interior of the vehicle body frame, the piping structure passing through

piping holes in the vehicle body frame to the exterior of the vehicle body frame,

and the piping structure connecting to the left-hand and right-hand crawler driving hydraulic motors.

5. (currently amended) A piping structure of a crawler vehicle according

to claim 4, wherein the left-hand and right-hand driving crawler driving

hydraulic motors project rearward and are attached to an extension of the rear

frame wall member of the vehicle body frame, the extension of the rear frame

wall member of the vehicle body frame coupling the left-hand and right-hand

frame members of the vehicle body frame to the left-hand and right-hand

crawler track frame members to form-the vehicle-body frame, and the left-hand

and right-hand driving crawler hydraulic motors are respectively attached to

arranged behind the left-hand and right-hand crawler track frame members of

the vehicle body frame.

A piping structure arranged within a crawler vehicle, which б. (new)

comprises:

the crawler vehicle including a vehicle body frame, the vehicle body frame

including an interior defined by the rear frame wall;

left-hand and right-hand crawler track frames being respectively secured

on left-hand and right-hand exterior sides of the vehicle body frame, the rear

frame wall of the vehicle body frame extending to rear end faces of the left-hand

and right-hand crawler track frames;

left-hand and right-hand crawler driving hydraulic motors being

arranged outside the vehicle body frame and respectively secured to the rear

frame wall of the vehicle body;

a hydraulic pump being arranged within the interior of the vehicle body

frame of the crawler vehicle; and

hydraulic piping connecting the hydraulic pump to the left-hand and

right-hand crawler driving hydraulic motors; the hydraulic piping extending

from the interior of the vehicle body frame, through piping holes in the rear

frame wall of the vehicle body frame, and to the outside of the vehicle body

frame.

7. (new) The piping structure arranged within a crawler vehicle

according to claim 6, wherein:

the left-hand and right-hand crawler driving hydraulic motors project

rearward from the rear frame wall of vehicle body frame;

the rear frame wall of the vehicle body frame joins the vehicle body frame

to the left-hand to right-hand crawler track frames, and

the hydraulic piping is arranged along an outside surface of the rear

frame wall of vehicle body frame.

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Application. No. 10/053,959 Attorney Docket No.: VX022404 8. (new) A piping structure of a crawler vehicle, which comprises:

a hydraulic pump arranged within a vehicle body frame of a crawler-type vehicle and connected by hydraulic piping to left-hand and right-hand crawler driving hydraulic motors, left-hand and right-hand crawler track frames respectively arranged on left-hand and right-hand outsides of the vehicle body frame, the vehicle body frame including a rear frame wall extending to rear end faces of the left-hand and right-hand crawler track frames, the left-hand and right-hand crawler driving hydraulic motors being respectively arranged behind the left-hand and right-hand crawler track frames and secured to the rear

the hydraulic piping extending from the hydraulic pump within the vehicle body frame through piping holes in the rear frame wall of the vehicle body frame to an exterior of the vehicle body frame, and the hydraulic piping being connected to the left-hand and right-hand crawler driving hydraulic motors;

frame wall of the vehicle body frame;

a piping cover having a box shape and covering an outside wall face of the rear frame wall of the vehicle body frame rear wall, the piping cover enclosing the hydraulic piping arranged on the exterior of the vehicle body frame; and

motor covers respectively covering a space extending from an opening of

the piping cover to openings of peripheral frames surrounding the left-hand and right-hand driving hydraulic motors.

- 9. (new) The piping structure of a crawler vehicle according to claim 4, wherein the rear frame wall extends vertically.
- 10. (new) The piping structure of a crawler vehicle according to claim6, wherein the rear frame wall extends vertically.
- 11. (new) The piping structure of a crawler vehicle according to claim 8, wherein the rear frame wall extends vertically.